Increase in employment opportunities

†1767. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that more than three crores and sixty lakh of educated youth are unemployed due to less employment opportunities for youth in organised and public sector despite continuous boom in the economy of the country after liberalization;

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto; and

(c) the steps being taken for increasing employment opportunities in the next three years?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI K. CHANDRASEKHAR RAO): (a) and (b) As per the survey conducted by National Sample Survey Organisation during 1999-2000, out of 9 million unemployed as per usual status basis, around 5.48 million were educated (Secondary and above). Additional employment in the organised sector being not significant, most of the labour absorption is taking place in the unorganised sector.

(c) Government is targeting creation of around one crore employment opportunities per year during the 10th Plan period (2002—07).

Corruption in EPF

1768. SHRI NAND KISHORE YADAV: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the corruption and mismanagement in the Employees Provident Fund;

(b) if so, whether a group of public representatives have met with him in this connection;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the action taken by Government after such meeting?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR **AND EMPLOYMENT** (SHRI K. CHANDRASEKHAR RAO): (a) As and when any fraud, financial irregularity

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